

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 6884. This bill takes important steps toward addressing the educator shortage in Connecticut, showing educators that theirs is a respected profession, and ensuring that our classrooms and schools can provide the best possible education for our students.

Please consider changing the Covid Benefit Enhancement to include ALL teachers who worked tirelessly on the front lines during unprecedented circumstances. How is it equitable to exclude those of us who worked the pandemic years but plan to retire before 2026? How is this respectful to all teachers?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

